

# HOUSE BILL No. 1057

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17.

**Synopsis:** Veterans issues. Establishes the Indiana per diem grant program under which grants are provided to certain nonprofit corporations that provide services to homeless members of the national guard. Establishes the per diem grant fund. Makes an appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-12-0.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2013,  
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 0.7. (a) The purpose of the fund established in  
4 section 8 of this chapter is ~~to provide:~~ **as follows:**

5 (1) **To provide** short term financial assistance to families of  
6 qualified service members for hardships that result from the  
7 qualified service members' active duty ~~service. service;~~ **and**

8 (2) **To provide** funding for:

9 (A) grants for reimbursement for training; and

10 (B) the purchase of computer equipment and software;  
11 for county and city veterans' service officers.

12 (3) **To make grants under IC 10-17-16 for services provided**  
13 **to homeless members of the national guard.**

14 (b) Funding for the purposes described in subsection (a)(2) must be  
15 provided from the amount transferred to the fund under section 13 of  
16 this chapter.

17 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.7-2014,



SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is established to provide assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical services, basic transportation, child care, education, employment or workforce, and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult to afford for qualified service members or dependents of qualified service members. The fund may also be used to provide for grants for reimbursement for:

(1) training; ~~and for~~

(2) computer equipment and software for county and city veterans' service officers; ~~and~~

**(3) services provided to homeless members of the national guard under IC 10-17-16.**

(b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the commission shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for assistance as described in subsection (a).

(c) The commission shall give priority to applications for grants for assistance from the fund to qualified service members or dependents of qualified service members who have never received a grant under this chapter.

(d) Subject to the approval of the budget agency, the commission shall establish the maximum total dollar amount of grants that may be expended in a state fiscal year. Once the maximum total dollar amount of grants that may be expended in a state fiscal year is reached, no additional grants may be authorized until the start of the following state fiscal year.

(e) The director shall each year provide a report to the budget committee concerning the grant program under this chapter.

(f) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund.

(g) The commission shall administer the fund.

SECTION 3. IC 10-17-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]:

**Chapter 16. Indiana Per Diem Grant Program**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana veterans' affairs commission established by IC 10-17-13-4.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "national guard" means:**

**(1) the Indiana Army National Guard; or**

**(2) the Indiana Air National Guard.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana per diem grant program established under section 5 of this**



chapter.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "qualified nonprofit corporation" means a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides the following services to homeless members of the national guard:

- (1) Case management.
- (2) Counseling.
- (3) Employment services.
- (4) Legal assistance.
- (5) Housing assistance.

Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana per diem grant program is established to provide reimbursement grants to qualified nonprofit corporations that provide the services described in section 7 of this chapter to homeless members of the national guard.

(b) The commission shall administer the program.

Sec. 6. (a) As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Indiana per diem grant fund established by subsection (b).

(b) The Indiana per diem grant fund is established.

(c) Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The fund consists of:

- (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;
- (2) money transferred to the fund from the military family relief fund under section 9 of this chapter; and
- (3) donations, gifts, and money received from any other source.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments must be deposited in the fund.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

Sec. 7. The commission shall use money in the fund to make grants to qualified nonprofit corporations for reimbursement of expenses incurred by qualified nonprofit corporations for providing the following services to homeless members of the national guard:

- (1) Case management.
- (2) Counseling.
- (3) Employment services.
- (4) Legal assistance.



1           **(5) Housing assistance.**

2           **Sec. 8. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
3 **establish an application process for awarding grants under this**  
4 **chapter.**

5           **(b) The commission may establish procedures, forms, and**  
6 **standards to carry out this chapter.**

7           **Sec. 9. Before July 15, 2016, the commission shall transfer seven**  
8 **hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) from the military family**  
9 **relief fund established by IC 10-17-12-8 to the fund to make grants**  
10 **to qualified nonprofit corporations under section 7 of this chapter.**  
11 **Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert**  
12 **to the state general fund.**

13           **Sec. 10. (a) A qualified nonprofit corporation may receive a**  
14 **grant for reimbursement for expenses, including travel and**  
15 **incidental expenses, incurred in providing services described in**  
16 **section 7 of this chapter to homeless members of the national**  
17 **guard.**

18           **(b) A qualified nonprofit corporation may apply to the**  
19 **commission for a grant, and the commission may make a grant**  
20 **based on the commission's review of an application.**

